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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Nishioka et al.

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Title: ACETIC ANHYDRIDE, METHOD OF  
PURIFYING CRUDE ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING  
POLYOXYTETRAMETHYLENE  
GLYCOL USING ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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PETITION FOR FIVE MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a five month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003. The original time for response was set to expire November 12, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to deposit account no. 50-1901 (Reference No. 60586-300501).

Respectfully submitted,

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